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REMARKS

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1. The Pionier Kaserne, Rossau (# 52/E 17), was not occupied to capacity on 9 August 1950. Based on previous observations the troops in the billeting area were specified as an engineer unit of at least 200 men in the western section along the Rossau-Meinsdorf road; a tank unit of about 150 soldiers; the rear detail of a rifle unit; and a rear detail of an artillery unit. *

2. Eight pontoons and three motorboats were in the engineer training area on the Elbe River. About 120 soldiers were seen at engineer training which included the construction of ferries. The troops returning to the barracks rode on trucks, No training activity was observed in the billeting area. Fuel supplies were stored in a building in the southwestern corner of the billeting area. *

3. Between 9 and 14 August 1950 the IVD quarters in Georgenstadt were occupied by about one company, the personnel of which wore red-bordered green epaulets. 25X1

4. The Soviet **komendatura** had a personnel of about 25 officers and MI who wore black-bordered red epaulets.

5. On 14 August 1950 the former German hospital was occupied by a unit wearing black-bordered red epaulets. The unit, of not more than company strength, included recruits with closely-cropped hair. It was assigned to guard duty at the **komendatura** building, and patrol duty at the post. **

* Comment. In June and July 1950 the Pionier Kaserne, Dessau-Rossau, was heavily occupied, mostly by units of recruits and engineer units. Since the billeting area was only partly occupied on 9 August 1950, it is assumed that the recruits have been assigned to their units and that some engineer elements were away for training. The report indicates that the elements of the 7th Gds Tank Div from the barracks were still in the "order-Markendorf maneuver area on 9 August 1950.

** Comment. According to a previous report a guard unit of the **komendatura** was in the former hospital. 25X1

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